Internet facility on trains

2184. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have provided internet facility in trains;

(b) if so, names of the trains starting from Bangalore with internet facility on them;

(c) whether more number of passengers are utilising this facility;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some tests were conducted regarding providing internet in some of the trains in the North-East Railway Zone; and

(e) if so,the results of the tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. However, Rail Tel has successfully conducted technical trials for providing broad band Internet connectivity on running train during April, 2003 between Tughlakabad & Faridabad stations and is planning to provide Internet service on one of the Trains, during 2003-04.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Double standard in disbursal of compensation

2185. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have adopted double standard in disbursal of rescue and relief measure;

(b) the number of cases of compensation of Khanna, 1988 tragedy which are still to be settled and number of cases of Rajdhani Express tragedy, September 9,2002, still to be settled; and

(c) the action proposed to direct payment of compensation within three months to the next of kin of all victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Name of Accident	No. of Claims still to be settled
Khanna Accident	28
Rajdhani Train Accident	87

(c) Railway Claims Tribunal is a judicial body and follows procedure for hearing of settlement of claims cases as provided for in the Railway Claims Tribunal Act. No time frame, therefore, can be prescribed for finalisation of pending claims in Railway Claims Tribunal.

Mehsana-Taranga MG line

2186. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mehsana-Taranga Hill conversion of Metre Gauge line is under consideration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Ambaji being a pilgrimage center, lakhs of people come to worship and being an Industrially developed area Mehsana-Taranga railway line is being extended upto Ambaji; and

(c) if so, what will be the estimated cost and by what time the proposal will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to extend this line upto Ambaji.

(c) Does not arise.

Computerised reservation counter at Chitradurga and Challakere in Karnataka

2187. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the

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